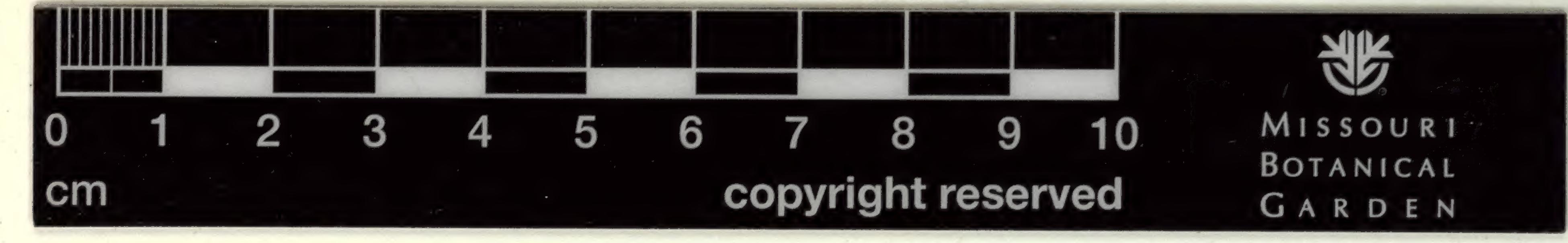
Rec 2 March 20 th An March 30 Washington Certy, D.C. March 12 1852 Dem fi. Buthe 9th inst about two days after my return here from Mexico) I received a large mail, returned to me from El Paso, - having failed, through the carelisness of the Mostmaster at Santa Fe', to reach me there as it should have done. Among the letters was yours of the 1th September last, which I have perused with great cultivest. Theate write and lett me know if the barrel of Cacte, which I forwarded to you from El Paso in July last, reached you, and if in good condition. - if many of the plant were alevie, De. You ask me to explain the Sentince in my letter of July which alludes to the place of final deposite of the Specimens. I will do So with pleasure. What I meant by it was this: The government will wish, if it be possible, to spossess a full set of the specimen, collected by its various expeditions to be

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preserved here at the Seal of Government, Say in the Cabinet or green house of the Smithtonian Institution. All the plant that Can be preserved alive will be fut with the freen house, labelled to shew from what Callection or expedition they came, and Scrufulously with the names Genera, species, Ve) of the plants, and the name of the naturalist who first described them. It is not intended so to deposite them until after their descriptions are published thus securing the professional credit to the describing naturalist. After these ful. = heations, or before should it be meessay to preserve them alive, duplicates of them may be deposited as you suggest any where that you might disire. If a set is preserved alive for deposite in washington, I will, after you have described them fully, see that they are brought here at the public expense.



Now, please let me know if you see any objection to this course! It seems to me if it be practicable to carry it out, it Vis the best way to give the due fame & credit to the diserrbing naturalist. shall be most haftly however to adopt any suggestions from you an this sount, and induit I now authorise you to distribute them in the manner Suggested en your letter, in they country & Europe, provided there are enough of them, without weiting further instruction. Hould Mr. Wright send you further Collections, which Sam sure he will do, all the specimens marked as collected previous to December 121851 will belong to my Contributions and Shey You will note them accordingly. He acted under my Command & direction up to that time. I wish you would sent me as Loon as

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possible, a sinopses of any that you may have found to be now among those You have abready received, indicating Jewera, Species, de after your own naming. Jam now engaged on a Currenty report to the Deflactment of the Interior, giving a more outline of what has been done, and as Sam to embrace a that account of what we descened new in the zoological department, from the pen of Professors Baird & Gerard, I would like to add from your hen whatever may have been found new among the Cactaceous plants. Of Course your more full descriptions, if not yet completed, will be received hereafter of bubleshed with the general report upon the expedition. I remain with muste rusher



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